

# Research at the Boise VAMC: Collaborations and a Strategic Plan

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# Leadership at the Boise VAMC

- Medical Center Director DeWayne Hamlin
- Chief of Staff Paul Lambert, DDS
- Chief of Surgery Ernie Petersen MD
- Chief of Medicine Jack Boice MD
- Chief of Psychiatry Larry Dewey MD
- Associate Chief of Staff for Research
  - ◆ Dennis L. Stevens, Ph.D, M.D.

# Broad Academic Goals and Responsibilities at the Boise VAMC

- Primary mission: Excellent patient care to veterans
- Secondary Goals:
  - ◆ Teaching
  - ◆ Research

# Increased Demand for Patient Care at the Boise VAMC

- 1997                      9,000 patients
- 2007                      19,000 patients
- 2007                      Outpatient visits increased to  
>180,000

# University of Washington Affiliation (1975-2005)

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# Teaching of WAMI Students and Primary Care Residents at the Boise VAMC

- Didactic lectures
- Clinical conferences
  - ◆ Daily noon conferences, Grand Rounds by VAMC Faculty
  - ◆ Daily Attending Rounds (VA faculty, WAMI students, U of Wash Residents)
  - ◆ Subspecialty Rounds
- Clinic Rotations (Daily)

# FACULTY AND TRAINEES FROM BOISE VAMC PRACTICING IN IDAHO (2004)

Sand Point (1)

Cottonwood (1)

McCall (1)

Sun Valley (1)

Caldwell (5)

Nampa (2)

Boise (51)

Rupert (1)

GIM (27)

Med/Peds (1)

Cardiology (3)

Renal (3)

Pulmonary (9)

GI (2)

Geriatrics (4)

Rheumatology (1)

Anesthesia (1)



# ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS WITH IDAHO INSTITUTIONS

# Current Affiliations with U of Idaho

- Research collaborations
  - ◆ Electron microscopy
  - ◆ DNA arrays
  - ◆ INBRE NIH grant (Begins in Jan 2009)
- Graduate Students in Microbiology
  - ◆ 6 graduate students over 15 years
    - ◆ 3 Ph.D
    - ◆ 3 Masters Degrees

# Academic Affiliations Between the Boise VAMC and ISU School of Pharmacy

- Teaching
- Clinical Experience
- Research

# Biomedical Research and Education Institute at the Boise VAMC

- Expand Research Space and Equipment
- Enhance Research Collaborations with Idaho Universities and Investigators
- Expand Teaching Facilities, Classrooms and Conferencing Capability Including Teleconferencing with Idaho Universities and the University of Washington